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Turning the Tables at the CIA

It was Adm. Stansfield Turner, then the director of the CIA, who urged Attorney General Griffin Bell in 1978 to prosecute Frank Snepp, an ex-CIA employee, for writing a book about the CIA without official clearance. And \$60,000 of Snepp's profits were confiscated by the government. Now Turner is getting a taste of his own medicine.

He's complaining about CIA deletions in his new book, "Secrecy and Democracy: The CIA in Transition," which will be published next month. Of the more than 100 deletions made in his book by the agency he ran for four years, Turner said, "I appealed many of these questionable deletions to the higher levels of the CIA and obtained only three minor concessions." The deletions, he continued, "ranged from borderline issues to the ridiculous."

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The tables turn

A former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, retired Admiral Stansfield Turner, is complaining that the super-secret CIA made "more than 100 deletions" in his new book about the CIA.

The book is titled *Secrecy and Democracy: The CIA in Transition*. Turner says the CIA's trims range from "borderline" to "ridiculous." And he feels the book's anti-Reagan-administration stance may be the reason for the cuts.

Turner's protest brings a smile, because he seems to feel that censorship—or attempting to protect national security, if you will—may

be for the other guy.

In 1978, Turner urged U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell to prosecute ex-CIA analyst Frank Snepp for authoring a CIA book without CIA approval.

Wasn't there an early proponent of the guillotine in revolutionary France who eventually was sentenced to the guillotine? And didn't an errant beer truck hit and damage the tombstone guarding the final resting place of temperance advocate Carry Nation? The world is full of ironies. What goes around, come around. Even for onetime CIA directors.

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Stansfield Turner

**Turner balks at
own safeguards**

Reporter Tom Diaz checks out a former CIA chief: A CIA spokesman said yesterday that former CIA director Stansfield Turner's complaints about the agency's review of his book "have no validity." Retired Adm. Turner complains in the introduction to a new book about the agency that the CIA took too long to review the manuscript and ordered too many deletions before it would permit its publication.

But, says a spokesman, "He has chosen to be critical of a mechanism that he himself established." The spokesman said review of the book "proved to be more lengthy and arduous than in almost all other cases in recent years," but said that Adm. Turner submitted his manuscript "chapter by chapter" and "continually revised portions that had already been approved."

The same standards were applied to Adm. Turner's book as are applied to manuscripts submitted by other former CIA employees, said the spokesman, "The agency's experience with pre-publication review shows that the mechanism is only effective when the same review process and classification standards are applied equally to all."

In 1978 Adm. Turner pressed the Justice Department to prosecute Frank Snepp, an ex-CIA employee; for writing a book about the CIA without clearance. The government confiscated about \$60,000 of profits from Mr. Snepp's book.

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Ex-CIA director says Reagan sidesteps law

NEW YORK [AP]—The Reagan administration is skirting laws calling for congressional oversight of covert intelligence operations, according to former CIA Director Stansfield Turner.

The CIA during President Reagan's term "has fulfilled the

letter, but hardly the intent, of notifying Congress 'in a timely manner' of covert operations," Turner, agency director under President Jimmy Carter, said in excerpts of a forthcoming book that were published Sunday by Newsweek magazine.